



## Maria Esther Valtierra

September 20, 1961 - February 21, 2024

Maria Esther Valtierra (neé Mora Astua) “Lita Maria”, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on February 21, 2024.

Born in Quepos, Costa Rica on September 20, 1961 to Alberto and Odilia Mora Astua. Maria had a dream of moving to Miami, Florida ever since she was a little girl and she made that dream come to fruition in her 20s by immigrating to the United States. In Miami, she made many close friends that became family. She moved to Crown Point, Indiana in December 2006. She was a woman who was known for her love for God, her devotion to her family, her laughter, and contagious joy. Anyone who met her fell in love and knew they had a friend who they could count on.

Maria worked as a cosmetologist for many years and fulfilled her dream of owning and operating her own salon in Merrillville, Indiana. Maria is loved by her clients, friends, and family.

She is survived by her loving husband; Mario, her beloved children; Christopher (Alejandra), Victoria (Seth) Hamilton, Sarah (Jon), her grandchildren; Gabriel, Sebastian, and Baby Hamilton on the way, her loyal furry companions; Lassie, Teddy, and Lily. She also leaves behind and was loved deeply by her sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews and extended family in Costa Rica.

She was a regular attender of Hobart Assembly of God. She was a mighty woman of faith who shared her love for Christ with those she came in contact with. Her presence will be deeply missed here on this earth, but her legacy of faith, joy, and love will continue on.

A visitation will take place on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 from 2 p.m. until the time of the funeral at 6 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

The family kindly requests those in attendance to honor and celebrate Maria by dressing in bright colors (red, orange, pink, floral, or cheetah) as she loved bright colors and bold patterns— just like her personality!

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 27. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
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info@burnsfuneral.com  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 27. 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CZ

“ Soy Clarita amiga de Miami trabajamos en hair ego me acabo de enterar de su partida la estuve tratado de comunicarme no tuve contesta  
Mi más sentido pesame  
305 733 3065  
Me pueden llamar

Clara zena - April 26, 2024 at 09:40 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Maria Esther Valtierra.



February 27, 2024 at 10:05 AM

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“ Indy, Naturelle, and Isaiah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Esther Valtierra.

Indy, Naturelle, and Isaiah - February 27, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Maria Esther Valtierra.



February 26, 2024 at 10:38 PM

TF

“ The Fernandez Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Esther Valtierra.

The Fernandez Family - February 26, 2024 at 10:38 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Maria Esther Valtierra.



February 26, 2024 at 07:09 PM

EC

“ Ed, Christina, Matthew, Jacob and Coco planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Esther Valtierra.

Ed, Christina, Matthew, Jacob and Coco - February 26, 2024 at 07:09 PM

MT

“ Meaghan and Tyler purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Maria Esther Valtierra.



Meaghan and Tyler - February 26, 2024 at 06:35 PM

KF

“ Koryn Cordero & Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Maria Esther Valtierra.



Koryn Cordero & Family - February 26, 2024 at 04:50 PM

AM

“ Abby, Ashley, Chelsea, Michayla purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Maria Esther Valtierra.



Abby, Ashley, Chelsea, Michayla - February 26, 2024 at 11:58 AM

LG

“ Love, Kirsten DeMass & Kyle Greene purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Maria Esther Valtierra.



Love, Kirsten DeMass & Kyle Greene - February 26, 2024 at 10:09 AM

AI

“ Ashley, Morgan L, Jessie, Isabel, purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Maria Esther Valtierra.



Ashley, Morgan L, Jessie, Isabel, - February 26, 2024 at 09:30 AM

TS

“ *Maria my true friend. May you rest in peace. U will always be in my thoughts and prayers. My condolences to the family.* ”

tina stojanovski - February 25, 2024 at 09:29 PM

LG

“ *L&L Kappa Kappa Gamma purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Maria Esther Valtierra.* ”



L&L Kappa Kappa Gamma - February 25, 2024 at 08:35 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Esther Valtierra.* ”



February 25, 2024 at 06:30 PM

AD

“ *Al & Lidia DeMass and Dean DeMass planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Esther Valtierra.* ”

Al & Lidia DeMass and Dean DeMass - February 25, 2024 at 05:41 PM

AD

“ *Al & Lidia DeMass and Dean DeMass purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Maria Esther Valtierra.*



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**Al & Lidia DeMass and Dean DeMass** - February 25, 2024 at 05:41 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Maria Esther Valtierra.*



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February 25, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Esther Valtierra.*



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February 24, 2024 at 04:27 PM

BK

“ *Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to your family at this difficult time. Greg & Barb Knox*



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**Barb Knox** - February 24, 2024 at 01:43 PM

AI

“ Angie Iseminger purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Maria Esther Valtierra.



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**Angie Iseminger** - February 24, 2024 at 11:41 AM

JP

“ Maria, is very special, sunny and warm, I haven't seen her in a long time yet always thought I would. I will miss her dearly she was so warm and welcoming at a time in my life when I felt uncertain about a lot of things. I am so glad that she had fulfilled her dream of owning her own salon, and that her life was filled with loved ones. She is a dear lady and a beloved sister in Christ I know I will see her again in Glory. I will pray for her family, may their heavenly Father comfort them and strengthen them.

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**Judy Padgett** - February 24, 2024 at 10:27 AM

JE

“ Sending prayers during this time to the family. I remember Maria as a bright light and great family friend. “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” – John 14:1-4

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**Jennifer Ruiz Escobar** - February 24, 2024 at 09:00 AM

OR

“ I remember Maria as a happy going proud mother and wife to Vicky and Mario. Sorry to hear of her passing. Sending our deepest of condolences.

Sincerely

The Ruiz Family.

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**Oliver Ruiz** - February 23, 2024 at 11:29 PM



“ Maria fuiste un ser maravilloso y vibrante estoy orgullosa de haberte conocido y haber sido tu amiga se que estas en paz con Dios te quiero mucho descansa en paz tu amiga por siempre  
Maggie

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**Maggie Snyder** - February 23, 2024 at 09:20 PM



Vicky y familia mi más sentido pésame Dios les de fortaleza en este momento dificil les quiere mucho Maggie

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**Maggie Snyder** - February 23, 2024 at 09:41 PM

KB

“ Offering my heartfelt condolences for your loss. Sending warm wishes and love from our family to yours during this time. Love, The Harwood Family ❤️

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**Kelly Barry-Harwood** - February 23, 2024 at 07:21 PM

BS

“ *Maria was such a dear and close friend of mine. I started out as one of her clients, we became great friend, played bingo together on Monday nights until covid hit. When I'd come back up north, she always squeeze me in. She was so excited her new grandchild was coming and Sara's wedding. She will be missed by all. Prayers go out to her family.*  
*Bobbie Seagraves.*

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**Bobbie Seagraves** - February 23, 2024 at 07:15 PM

LP

“ *Lydia and Joe Palumbo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Esther Valtierra.*

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**Lydia and Joe Palumbo** - February 23, 2024 at 07:11 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Maria Esther Valtierra.*



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February 23, 2024 at 07:11 PM

PH

“ *PhysioPoint planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Esther Valtierra.*

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**PhysioPoint** - February 23, 2024 at 06:28 PM

PH

“ *PhysioPoint purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Maria Esther Valtierra.*



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**PhysioPoint** - February 23, 2024 at 06:28 PM

CM

“ *My condolences to Sarah and her family. May her Mom rest in peace. Prayers for peace and comfort.*

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**Chris McQuillin** - February 23, 2024 at 06:20 PM